

**Minutes of the North Curry Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 14th July 2021 at North Curry Village Hall (Main Hall)**

Present or comments received: Mrs C Stodgell (Chairman), Mr G Cable, Mr B Jeanes, Mrs V Vaughan, Mrs J Leader, Cllr. P Stone, Mr A Turner, Mrs H Griffiths, Miss E Turney, Mr I Fugett, Cllr D Fothergill, Cllr S Buller. 3 Members of the public.

1. PRELIMINARIES

To receive and approve apologies for absence. Mr M Dennis, Mrs C Smith, Mr M Wilkins
The Chairman welcomed Mr I Fugett back to the face to face meetings.

Approve and sign minutes for the previous meeting dated: 09th June 2021. Mr Jeanes proposed the minutes were a true record of the meeting, this was seconded by Miss Turney, which was carried.

Declarations of interest: (Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary interests they have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct): Mr Jeanes declared an interest in Item 8 on the Agenda – Payment List.

2. Matters Arising:

Policing Matters: None.

Flooding Matters: The floodgate on the Lyng side of the moor road is still not fixed and the damage gate is still lying in the verge. Cllr D Fothergill to chase up again.

Fingerpost signs: The Clerk explained she had chased up the progress on works being carried out last week and again today, but still awaiting reply.

Bus Shelter: The erection of the Bus Shelter at Oxen Lane has been put on hold, after a visit from Kali from SCC, where he was not in agreement with the position in relation to the junction and the view down Windmill Hill, Cllr Stone explained it would be good to know where the bus regularly stops to confirm a better siting of the shelter. It was agreed to contact J S Construction and Eurocell to inform them the work is on hold. The Clerk to email. After discussion it was suggested that it could be placed on the western side of the Oxen Lane junction, the Chairman asked Cllr Stone if he could liaise with SW&T to confirm the appropriate positioning and report back.

Allotments: Corr: A7076 The Chairman explained Mrs Leader and the Clerk had done a survey of the Greenway allotments and sent a letter to all holders regarding the two sheds, their contents and who owns them. The responses so far indicate that nobody is using the sheds and suggestion is they should be removed and possibly replaced.

20mph Scheme: Corr A7082 SW&T: The Chairman explained the roundels are now on the way to completion, Mr Meehan had contacted SCC because he thought some roundels were missing, it was agreed for Mrs Leader to check the roundels against the agreed site maps and report back. Cllr Fothergill informed the parish council that we could ask for new yellow speed limits signs to be put up as comments have been made that cars are still speeding through the centre of the village. He agreed to request this on our behalf.

Nine Acre Lane, footpath: Corr A7077: Regarding the odour from overflow of septic tank at Nine Acre Lane by the cottage, John Harvey of Environmental Health has informed the council he would send a letter to the owner of Spring Cottage and if no action in a couple of weeks we should get back to him.

Corr A7081 reference A358. Richard Lander attended the Community Liaison forum as our representative and has sent a report on the forum. Further correspondence has been send stressing he is not happy with the new roundabout at Thornfalcon and is now awaiting a reply.

Corr A7082 SW&T Design Guide Report: Mr D Walker attended the zoom meeting on our behalf, this report was forwarded to all councillors

County Cllr. Report – weekly updates being forwarded by email – sent to ALL Councillors. Mr Turner ask Cllr Fothergill when the Monkton Heathfield road will be reopening. Cllr Fothergill explained the western relief road will be opening 25th July after a 3 week delay and at that point we will be starting work on Creech Castle approximately the 9th August 2021.

3. Planning Applications for comment by North Curry Parish Council

24/21/0035 Conversion of part of barn to domestic annexe and home office space with installation of underground gas tank and closed cesspool tank at Lillesdon Barn, Lillesdon Lane, North Curry (amended scheme to 24/20/0046).

24/21/0036/LB Conversion of part of barn to domestic annexe and home office space with installation of underground gas tank and closed cesspool tank at Lillesdon Barn, Lillesdon Lane, North Curry (amended scheme to 24/20/0047LB. The Chairman explained the location of the barn and that we previously supported the application. The application was approved and work is underway. The new application is identical to the previous application but the applicant is now seeking permission to install a cesspool tank and underground gas tank. After a discussion the Chairman proposed that we support the application, this was seconded by Mr Jeanes, which was carried.

24/21/0037 Erection of equestrian stables and farm storage with formation of access at Newport Manor, Newport Road, North Curry. The Chairman explained the location of the property, the site was an old farm yard, but has since become a derelict, overgrown site. The proposal is for 4 stables with storage above, and a building for farm materials/equipment. The access area around the stable will be replanted, a hedge will be planted at the entrance and metal fence erected around the boundary to The Manor. The garden behind the stable will be cleared for a horse exercise area. After discussion Mrs Stodgell proposed that we support the application but the Parish Council would like to see the area at the entrance planted with native species, this was seconded by Mr Cable, which was carried.

24/21/0028 Demolition of rear extensions and erection of single storey extension to the rear of Snellgroves, Combe Lane, Knapp, North Curry.

24/21/0029/LB Demolition of rear extensions and erection of single storey extension to the rear of Snellgroves, Combe Lane, Knapp, North Curry. The Chairman explained the application was an amendment to a previous application we had recently discussed. He explained there had been a slight problem with the neighbouring boundary and the applicant had to shorten the extension (by 2ft) adjacent to the neighbour so that it does not interfere with the boundary. The Chairman proposed that we support the application but the Parish Council would like to see the slates used on the roof to be reclaimed, this was seconded by Mr Cable, which was carried.

24/21/0026 Replacement of outbuilding with the erection of a three bay car port (two bays enclosed) with storage to the first floor at Hillview, Higher Knapp, Knapp, North Curry. The Chairman explained this application was discussed at length at the last planning meeting. The previous plans left out details regarding the levels of the car port, which were to be dug out to reduce the ridge height to be the same level as the existing building and the plans showed details of roof lights looking out towards the neighbours. Concerns were raised about the levels and the applicant was asked to reconsider repositioning the roof lights to not be overlooking the neighbours. The applicant resubmitted new plans, the Chairman went on to explain that the current plans online show the new levels but do not show the repositioning of the roof lights. The applicant Mr Player, who was present, confirmed that the current plans online were not the correct ones he had submitted. After much discussion it was agreed for the Clerk to write to SW&T to inform them we are deferring our decision as we believe the incorrect plans are showing and we will look at it again at the planning meeting 28th July 2021 when we hope the correct plans are displayed. The Chairman proposed to defer discussing the application until the planning meeting on the 28th July, this was seconded by Mrs Stodgell, which was carried.

4. **To discuss Footpaths matters and address other queries.** Mr Stone explained he had sent all photos and reports regarding overgrown footpaths etc. He recently dealt with Longs Field to Manor Lane footpath where the bush growing over the path is now cut back. The gates on both ends of the drove over Knapp Bridge are a current issue with the Bridle Association, they are concerned that the gates make riding more difficult. The field off of Huntham Lane, not sure of the current owner, but has several horses there and the field has been fenced off forcing walkers into the nettles and brambles from the hedge a complaint has been made to SW&T. Mr Stone explained that he reported about a gate at New Bridge at a previous meeting which was locked and causing obstruction of the link to the footpath, he sent an

email to the Environment Agency to complain, as yet there has been no reply and he will send a further letter. At Frog Lane there is a possible permissive route but no conclusion has been made yet and this will be discussed at a future meeting. A discussion about landowners maintaining their own boundaries, where they have fenced off the footpath, was raised. This is an increasing problem which could lead to more enforcement being required. It was agreed that the Parish Council write to SW&T rights of way to distinguish our rights regarding this matter. West Lane at Knapp is completely grown over and Mr Stone reported he is trying to get someone to cut it and has approached the Bridleway Association to see if they will contribute towards the cost, yet to hear back on this request. A missing foot path sign was reported at High Elms Lane, Mr Stone said he would sort it. It was discussed that we should contact SW&T to remind them of maintaining the footpaths running alongside of Chapel Close and Longs field in to Manor Close. The Chairman thanked Mr Stone for all his hard work.

5. **To complete arrangements for the Annual Parish Council meeting 21st July 2021.** The Chairman explained all invites had gone out to the necessary people with several not able to attend the meeting. Mrs Griffiths volunteered to read out the report for the PCC and pass over the accounts. It was agreed due to COVID on this occasion that no refreshments would be served and no display stands put up. The Agenda was agreed and could be sent out.
6. **To discuss Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations.** Corr A7077 SALC reference Beacons to be lit across the country, as this is likely to be the last Beacons to be lit in the reign of Her Majesty. The Chairman explained the correspondence and after a small discussion it was agreed that firstly we should contact Mr Vile to obtain his permission to host the Beacon, as before on the previous Jubilee. Mr Jeanes agreed to contact Mr Vile, the clerk to confirm the date. Other suggestions were made such as the making of a Community Quilt and unveiling it with a gathering providing refreshments, Group Photo around the Pepper Pot in the Centre of the village.
7. **Finance: Monthly Bank Report, Payment List:** The Clerk presented the monthly report, she explained that the regular monthly direct debits and standing orders were paid, a £60 payment for Mr Jeanes grass cutting, £15.54 payment for Village Hall Hire and the £119.15 payment for Town Farm running cost consisted the Stable service charge and £14.40 for installing the UV Air unit. Mrs Vaughan proposed this was a true record of the report, this was seconded by Mrs Leader, which was carried. **Payment List:** The Clerk read out the payment list, Mrs Leader proposed to approve the payment list, this was seconded by Miss Turney, which was carried. She highlighted a late invoice from SLCC for an annual subscription £129.00, this payment was approved by Mrs Stodgell, which was seconded by Mr Cable and carried. The Clerk explained that a donation of £50 was made last year to the Farming Community Network as a request from Mrs Hembrow the internal auditor instead of payment for her time Mr Jeanes proposed to approve this year's donation of £50 to the FCN, which was seconded by Mrs Griffiths, which was carried. The Clerk highlighted that we had received an invoice from SW&T regarding the emptying of dog bins but she had queried the increase in charged and that we were not in receipt of a quotation agreement, this would be a future Agenda item once we are in receipt of the appropriate paperwork. The Clerk explained the printer is now out of action requiring 4 new drums costing approx. £60, after a discussion Mrs Leader proposed that we purchase the drums with the view of investigating the purchase of a new printer, this was seconded by Mr Jeanes, which was carried.

Monthly Payment List - JULY 2021	Cheque No.	Total	VAT
Clerk-Maria Perry - July 2021	BACS	647.28	0.00
Plusnet (bill not issued as yet)	DD	20.00	0.00
Service Charge	SO	104.75	0.00
IONOS monthly Hi Drive Storage fee	DD	3.00	0.60
Zoom pmt to Maria Perry March 2021	S/O	11.99	2.40
B & K Jeanes - Grass cutting June 2021 Inv 21042	BACS	60.00	0.00
North Curry V.Hall - Hire 09/06/21 & 30/06/21	BACS	39.96	0.00
SW Case - allotment grass cuts x 2	CHQ	20.00	0.00

NC Stable Charge - Gas 01/03-31/05	BACS	19.72	0.00
NC Stable Charge - Elec 01/03-31/05	BACS	57.84	0.00
M Perry - Post Office Stamps reimbursement	BACS	18.12	0.00
HMRC - NI & PAYE + Stable tax	BACS	114.99	0.00

8. Correspondence.

A7076-A7079 covered above. A7080 Mr Wilkins sent in correspondence re Loscombe meadow street lights, they are not in sync with the lights in Overlands. The Clerk wrote to SCC to see if this can be done and SW&T replied saying there would be a cost for this to be done, we are waiting for this quote to arrive.

B7083 Carbon Literacy Training forwarded to Mr Jeanes to see if he is interested.

B7089 Airband Community Internet Ltd, the Chairman explained we had been contacted by them regarding linking customers to fibre and were there any views. Cllr Buller explained she was introduced to the company at another parish meeting and is due to speak with them again and will feedback at the next meeting.

9. Committee /Delegate reports – (Please send written reports prior to the meeting and these will be included on the minutes.)

Footpaths (PS): Covered above

Playing Field (AT): The field area has been treated with selective weed killer so we should see more grass and less daisies etc. Bookings for the Pavilion are now starting to pick up with several parties booked. We have lost two more committee members and are now down to five, we are continually appealing for people to join with no success.

Allotments (JL): Maria and I completed a survey of the allotments and identified the overgrown plots. Letters have been sent to several people on the waiting list and hopefully they will soon be working on their plots. To date it would seem that nobody is using the sheds and the suggestion is that they should be removed and possibly replaced with a more robust structure. There has been a request from the Greenway holders to set up an Allotment Association to better manage the facility. There would still be a Parish Council rep to provide liaison with the new body. This to be discussed at the next meeting.

North Curry Sports (PS): The defibrillator is now on the outside of the building.

Wildlife Group (PS): Starting to make comments about planning & concerns about Wildlife. There is a piece on Pollen in the next Church Magazine.

Speedwatch (AM): Currently they are unable to continue until signing and roundels are acceptable to police and the locations approved. The Speedwatch Group are still looking for more volunteers.

Facebook (MW): For the period – 9th June – 13th July 2021. Page Followers – 254, previously 249 (2 people stopped following the page during this period). Page Likes – 209, previously 204 (2 people stopped ‘liking’ the page during this period). 20 posts this period, with 2,761 people reached and 265 engagements.

10. Publicity Inputs. Householders to trim back their hedges/brambles for the safety of Parishioners. 20mph speed limit is now enforceable. A reminder although legal restrictions have been lifted please remain alert and responsible.

11. Matters for Discussion. Mrs Griffiths informed the Parish Council of several dates 14th August 2021 Village Flower Show, 21st August 2021 Concert at the church and the 28th August is the Jumble Sale. Mr Fugett reported that residents including himself have reported the pot holes to SW&T and nothing have been done. He also reported that there is a blocked drain on the corner of Broad Lane where it floods, the Chairman said to copy any letter or emails to SW&T to the Parish Council and we can then also follow it up. Mr Vaughan mentioned that the company Zoll who provides the defibrillator has made the model we have obsolete, it was confirmed this was discussed at the last meeting and the Parish Council will consider replacing the defibrillator when either something breaks or nearer the time of any replacements required. Mr Jeanes reported that the transfer of the Loscombe footpath has not formerly been completed and we write to Mr T Walker to ask this to be completed. The Clerk to organise.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 21.32pm.